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2006-07 grant status and budget update

Governor Fletcher's budget, which was presented to the General Assembly on January 17, includes a request for an additional \$1 million in FY 2007 and \$3 million in FY 2008 to increase base funding for adult education programs. The CPE request was for \$4 million in FY 2007 and \$6 million in FY 2008. The governor's budget request is currently under consideration by the General Assembly. For updates on the legislative process, visit the Council on Postsecondary Education Web page on the [2006 Legislative Session](#).

KYAE plans to extend current contracts for the 2006-07 fiscal year, contingent upon programs' attaining performance and enrollment goals. In a process similar to the one used for the past two years, providers will be required to submit grant renewal forms. KYAE anticipates that the timeframe for release of renewal forms will be in early- to mid-April upon legislative approval of the budget; providers will be notified by e-mail when forms are available on the KYAE Web site.

The 2006-07 fiscal year will be a continuation year based on the following.

- Congress has not yet acted on WIA reauthorization. KYAE has been informed that the U.S. Department of Education plans to negotiate performance standards for only the 2006-07 fiscal year.
- The county-level statistics from the Kentucky Assessment of Adult Literacy results are projected to be available in the spring. Incorporating the new literacy data and the latest census data into the funding formula may result in changes to base funding in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

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Policy clarification

Adult education providers should allow potential GED completers to take the OPT without first taking a TABE assessment if the student so requests. Regulations require that students be certified as test ready prior to taking the GED examination. The OPT, not a TABE assessment, is the recognized indicator of test readiness. Students taking the OPT should be coded as assessment only and do count toward the county enrollment goal.

Students whose OPT scores do not qualify them to take the GED test should be encouraged to take an enrollment assessment and receive instruction to prepare them for retaking the OPT. Administering the computer-based OPT provides a learning prescription to guide instruction. Computer-based OPTs are available to all county providers.

Adult educators with questions about the OPT should contact Dr. B.J. Helton at BJ.Helton@ky.gov or (502) 573-5114, ext. 102.

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Time is running out

Don't forget to submit a name for one KYAE-funded family literacy program staff from each county to attend the National Conference on Family Literacy, sponsored by the National Center for Family Literacy, at the Galt House in Louisville, March 19-21. Again this year, KYAE will pay the \$385 early registration conference fee (this does not include special sessions).

Submit the name of the individual to attend the conference and the county name to Amanda.Walker@ky.gov by February 23, 2006. Early registration must be completed before February 24, 2006. The registration brochure is available at

<http://www.famlit.org/Conference/index.cfm> . For KYAE-funded participants, check “My registration is funded by Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE).”

Programs sending additional staff members must pay for those individuals’ registration from the program’s PD allocation. Professional development allocations may be used for travel, hotel accommodations and meals not covered during the conference in compliance with [KYAE policy](#). Late fees and “no show” charges may not be paid with KYAE funds.

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Literacy conference

The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning is hosting a one-day conference, “No Community Left Behind: Literacy in Lexington,” 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. March 7 at 251 W. Second Street, Lexington. The \$25 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch. The registration form is available at [literacy conference](#); participation is limited to the first 75 registrants. Adult educators will earn 1 PDU for attendance.

The conference will include presentations from Starr Lewis, associate commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education; Dale Lipshultz, president, National Coalition for Literacy; and Curt Dudley-Marling, professor, Boston College.

For more information, call the Carnegie Center at (859) 254-4175 or e-mail rnoble@carnegieliteracy.org.

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Dr. Korengel accepts new position

Dr. Jacqueline Korengel has accepted a position with the Rhode Island Department of Education within its Office of Adult Education and began her work there this month. Dr. Korengel, formerly KYAE’s senior associate for strategic alliances, was instrumental in the development of content standards, facilitation of professional development and other partnerships, planning and implementation of annual adult education conferences, development of family literacy program quality indicators, and oversight of WorkKeys and transitions pilot projects. Her position has not yet been filled.

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GED secondary programs

With an increasing number of Kentucky school districts developing local GED secondary programs, KYAE is re-issuing the following guidance:

- Since students in GED secondary programs are still enrolled in secondary school, they are not eligible to be served by KYAE.
- If KYAE-funded programs contract separately with a school district to provide this alternative program, there must be strict separation of funds and accounting.
- No materials/resources/equipment purchased with KYAE funds may be used to support the alternative program.
- No instructional time, salary or benefits for the alternative program may be charged to KYAE funds.
- Administrative time spent in managing the alternative program may not be charged to KYAE administrative costs.
- The alternative program must have separate accounts to clearly demonstrate no KYAE funds were used.
- Local school districts offering the GED secondary program must not use the adult education provider's instructional program code for the administration of the OPT. Local school districts must request their own codes through Dr. B.J. Helton at BJ.Helton@ky.gov or (502) 573-5114, ext. 102.
- If you have questions about GED secondary programs, please contact Dr. Helton at the e-mail address or phone number above.
- If you have questions regarding accounting procedures, contact Terry Pruitt at Terry.Pruitt@ky.gov or (502) 573-1555, ext. 247.

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Reporting contact information changes

Changes in adult educators' e-mail addresses, phone numbers or physical addresses must be reported to Tammy Powers at Tammy.Powers@ky.gov or (502) 573-5114, ext. 114, so KYAE databases can be updated.

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Scholarship opportunities

Byrd Scholarships

The federally funded Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship program provides scholarships to academically talented high school seniors and

GED recipients who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education. The scholarship provides up to \$1500 per year for a total of four years contingent upon federal funding. The application deadline for GED recipients is June 30, 2006, but it is not too early for GED graduates with total scores of 2700 and above to begin applying. Information on the program and application criteria is available at [Byrd Scholarships](#). To date, more than 1,050 GED graduates are eligible to apply.

Louisville Technical Institute

Louisville Technical Institute offers \$1,800 scholarships for GED students who would have graduated in 2005 or before. Students interested in one of three scholarships available every quarter should contact an adult admissions representative at (800) 844-6528.

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GEDTS Turner Award

Each year the GED Testing Service recognizes a GED graduate who has made significant contributions to their community, state or nation. Last year, Kentucky had two outstanding nominees in Dr. Robert Felner, chairman, University of Louisville's Department of Education, and Dr. Leah Cobb, medical resident specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry. National award winners have included a governor, television commentator, youth worker and community college president. If you would like to nominate a deserving GED graduate for the Turner Award, contact Dr. B.J. Helton at BJ.Helton@ky.gov.

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Marketing materials, signs, banners

Marketing materials (flyers, posters and brochures) and signage packages have been shipped to all counties. If you have not yet received your materials or signs, please contact Janet Hoover at Janet.Hoover@ky.gov or (502) 573-5114, ext. 109. Incentive banners for 88 counties are currently being shipped by the printer.

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Spanish and audio cassette OPT

KYAE has purchased the Spanish version and the audio cassette version of the OPT for adult education programs. Programs may request these versions from

KYAE rather than ordering them individually. Please request the tests from and return the tests to Rae Smith at Rae.Smith@ky.gov.

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BEST training

The Center for Applied Linguistics no longer provides face-to-face BEST training, but a training video is available for purchase. For more information about BEST, visit the Web site at www.cal.org/best.

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Reading resources

Partnership for Reading

The National Institute for Literacy Partnership for Reading is offering two reading resources through its [Web site](#):

- [Applying Research in Reading Instruction for Adults: First Steps for Teachers](#) provides information about research-based reading instruction. The book contains student and classroom illustrations and sample instructional activities.
- [Teaching Adults to Read](#) describes strategies proven to work. It summarizes the trends and principles identified in the 2002 publication Research-Based Principles for Adult Basic Education Reading Instruction.

NCSALL

The National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL) has available for purchase the newest volume of the Review of Adult Learning and Literacy: Connecting Research, Policy and Practice. More information is available at NCSALL's [Web site](#).

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Math resources

Ask Dr. Math

"Ask Dr. Math" is a rich math resource and a component of the Kentucky Early Mathematics Testing Program (KEMTP) Web site. On the "Ask Dr. Math" site, you can search an archive of topics by academic level and review summaries of frequently asked questions. If you can't find the answer you need, you can submit your question by e-mail to Dr. Math.

Find the resource by going to the [KEMTP Web site](#) and clicking on “Tutorial Help” in the left-hand column.

Adult Numeracy Network

Adult educators who need more support and ideas for teaching math may want to explore the Adult Numeracy Network’s [Web site](#). The site contains various valuable publications and resources.

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